

Hot Weather Hazards



What to Do If You See a Dog in a Hot Car

How Hot is too Hot

If the outside temperature is above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, a car left in the sun can become an oven very quickly. Any car left in the direct sun, no matter the temperature can heat up quickly.

Despite the risks, staying in the car is not always a death sentence. Parking in the shade in temperatures in the mid-60s is much less of a risk than parking in the sun in the mid-70s. Running into a gas station for 30 seconds with the air conditioning running is not as bad as going into the grocery store for a half hour. A cloudy day is less dangerous than a sunny day. You really have to use your discretion to evaluate the situation and see what your best option is.

When to Call the Police

If the animal in the car is displaying symptoms of heat exhaustion, call the police to report it immediately. Symptoms include:

- Heavy panting
- Dizziness or weaving while walking
- Sudden Collapse
- Gasping for air
- Unconsciousness

If you are unsure if the owner is in danger and you aren't ready to call the police you may consider staying near the car to observe the animal or report it to the store. Be careful about confronting the owner because they may not be educated about the danger to their pet and might become offended and angry.

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